

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant	:	Ronald F. WELCH et al.	
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

BOX AMENDMENT  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed on August 7, 2006 (and further responsive to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed on February 20, 2007), please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.